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Sewage spill detected in Hewlett's Creek

A sewage spill in Hewlett's Creek, just off of Warlick Drive, was found by City crews this morning. City crews began searching the area earlier this week after neighbors reported a foul odor. On Saturday morning, crews found a leak in the force main sewage line near the end of Warlick Drive. The pipe is part of the Northeast Interceptor, which carries waste water from eastern Wilmington, New Hanover County, and Wrightsville Beach to the City's Southside waste water treatment plant.

City crews expect to have the leak stopped by tonight by diverting the spill back into the system via a manhole. A contractor will begin making a permanent repair later tonight.

There is no threat to drinking water and waste water services have not been interrupted. However, as a precaution, the city recommends that citizens not come into contact with the water. Road signs have been posted in the area and fliers distributed to homes on Warlick Drive.

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For more information, contact Public Information Officer Malissa Talbert at 470-8720.